REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Indication that claims 2-11 and 13-27 contain allowable subject matter is appreciated.

The rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Serrano et al. is overcome by the cancellation of that claim.

The objection to claims 2-11 is overcome by the cancellation of those claims.

Claim 13 is amended to more fully claim the present invention. The amendments to this and other claims are not made in view of any patentability issues of those claims.

New independent claim 29 is added to claim the present invention in a different manner.

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

The Applicant agrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that the claims of the present invention are patentable over the references in the record. The Applicant expressly traverses the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any comment is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope, explicitly or implicitly, by not reciting verbatim the respective claim language, or is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope by stating or implying that all the reasons for patentability are in any way fully enumerated.

The examiner is respectfully requested to allow all the pending claims and new claims 28-38, and pass this case to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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